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TAGS: CASC, CDES, MX (BASS, JOSEPH) (STORM, RONALD KEITH)

SUBJ: OUR CABLE REPORTING DEATH JOSEPH BASS MISTAKEN; ACTUAL
DEATH OF RONALD KEITH STORM

REF: MONTERREY 0346

1. REFTEL REPORTED THAT JOSEPH BASS DIED MAY 20 AT HOSPITAL CIVIL CIUDAD VICTORIA. THIS WAS BASED ON ERRONEOUS INFORMATION GIVEN US BY MEXICAN POLICE. PERSON WHO WAS GRAVELY WOUNDED IN GUN FIGHT MAY 17 AND WHO DIED HOSPITAL CIVIL MAY 20 WAS RONALD KEITH STORM, BORN SEPTEMBER 23, 1944 AT WACO, TEXAS. STORM IS SAME PERSON REPORTED REFTEL UNDER NAME LEONARD KEY.

2. REFTEL ASKED DEPT SEARCH SCS AND PPT FILES FOR POSSIBLE INFORMATION BASS NEXT OF KIN. REQUEST DEPT CANCEL THIS SEARCH.

3. CONOFF CONTACTED STORM'S NEXT OF KIN, BROTHER JERRY STORM AT AUSTIN, TEXAS, AND MOTHER E ETHEL LEWIS STORM OAT WACO, TEXAS GAVE THEM BOTH ALL DETAILS. WHILE BROTHER HESITANT TO BELIEVE THAT DECEASED HIS BROTHER, PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF STORM GIVEN US BY FEDERAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY TODAY APPEARS TO MATCH THAT GIVEN BY BROTHER.

4. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF SITUATION. VEHICLE WITH TEXAS PLATES CARRYING LOAD 189 KILOS MARIJUANA ATTEMPTED RUN MEXICAN
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CUSTOMS CHECKPOINT OUTSIDE CIUDAD VICTORIA, TAMPAS. NIGHT MAY 17.

GUNFIGHT ENSUED, RESULTING IN DEATH AMCIT JAMES JUSTICE LEGG,
MORTAL INJURY TO AMCIT RONALD KEITH STORM AND SERIOUS INJURY TO
ONE MEXICAN CUSTOMS POLICEMAN. AMCIT JOSEPH BASS ESCAPED AND
MEXICAN POLICE NOW SEARCHING FOR HIM. STORM DIED IN HOSPITAL
CIUDAD VICTORIA MAY 20. STORM NEXT OF KIN INFORMED AND
WILL CONTACT US FOR ASSISTANCE. FRIENDS OF LEGG FAMILY ARRIVED
IN MONTERREY TODAY FROM CALIFORNIA AND ARE PROCEEDING TO CIUDAD
VICTORIA TODO POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF LEGG.
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